

THREE DAYS LATER FROM HAVANA.

Arrival of the Steamship Black Warrior. The steamship Black Warrior, Captain Bullock, arrived yesterday morning from New Orleans via Havana, bringing dates from the latter city to the 25th ultimo.

There was nothing new at Havana. The steamer Falcon was still in port, but was expected to sail for New York on the morning of the 29th ultimo.

We are indebted to the purser of the Black Warrior for late intelligence and files of Havana papers.

OUR HAVANA CORRESPONDENCE. HAVANA, Jan. 27, 1855. Felix and Estrampes—An Instance of Spanish Tyranny—Suicide—New Fortifications—Rife Corps—The Affair of the Gray Eagle—Accommodation for the Insane, &c.

I did not write you by the Isabel (via Charleston), on the 25th inst., because but little of importance had transpired, and because I considered that a letter forwarded by the Black Warrior direct, this day, would probably reach you as early as would one sent by the indirect route.

Estrampes and Felix continue at the Moro Castle. By a communication addressed by the former to a friend of mine yesterday, which is now before me, I am happy to find their health is tolerable, but they are getting every day "more dissatisfied with their prison."

"We are in want of nothing," says Estrampes, "except liberty." Again, he says, "I am still without knowledge as to what will become of me, but that does not hinder me from sleeping soundly, and—tells me I am getting fat!"

Poor fellow!—Is not a thousand juries so noble a spirit should be crushed by tyranny?

The following fact exhibits in a strong light the tyranny that is exercised over the liberties of people in Cuba.

An actress, named Mary, who was at Matanzas, had entered into an engagement to appear at the Tacon theatre in this city, on a certain recent evening.

The usual placards were accordingly posted, and the advertisements inserted in the daily papers. Some time after she was on her way to the theatre, she was arrested by a police officer, and taken to the police station.

While absent from her lodgings, a visit was paid to her by one of the chief police officers, who, after a long story about the lady was that night arrested, by order, as is understood, of the Captain General, and was thrown into the *recinto*—a place where all the loose strolling women are confined—there to remain until next morning by the payment of a fine of \$50.

On the 4th January, Capt. Nicholls, of the bark John Carver, at Matanzas, threw himself overboard, and was drowned. No cause can be assigned for the deed, which has excited much curiosity.

A military friend informs me that Gen. Concha has in the course of formation a battalion of "Cazadores" (sharpshooters), to be composed of the picked men of every regiment in the island, and who are to be armed with rifles.

Amongst the new "city ordinances" is one requiring all dogs at large to be muzzled, and already nearly all the curs in the streets are prevented from baying. Who shall say these are not a law abiding people?

In the lottery drawn on the 23d ult. Snor Ritz, of the Tacon Zarnela Company, and Snor Batezini, Rucari and Nicola, of the Italian opera company, were each fortunate enough to draw a \$5,000 prize.

This city again teems with spies and secret police. However, they will have to be more tactfully sharp as they discover the man who subscribes himself "Porgensmire."

P. S.—I have recently omitted informing you that the Court of Mixed Commissions did meet on the 23d inst., but that the English and Spanish judges could not agree in their decision with respect to the Gray Eagle, consequently the matter had to be left to arbitration, and it is being drawn, the Spanish arbitrator, Brigadier Yllas, will have to give the decision in relation to this brig.

The British brig of war Espigale again entered this harbor yesterday.

The Black Warrior was advertised to have arrived here from New Orleans, and to have departed again for New York yesterday. The foregoing letter was consequently prepared early yesterday morning for her, but up to a late hour last evening she had not arrived. I have therefore the pleasure of handing you the *Mercantile Weekly Report*, published last evening, and of adding a few lines to what I have already written.

Yesterday's impression of the *Gaceta* congratulates its readers and compliments the Captain General because he has to a certain extent carried out the wishes of the people of reform, and which is likely to prove of great benefit to the unfortunate slaveholders.

Hitherto the insane have been confined in a building called St. Domingo, the windows of which open into the Campo Santo, or burial ground, which, as you are aware, is a very unhealthy and disagreeable locality. His Excellency caused to be purchased, in the early part of the last month, a small property called Ferro, about four leagues hence, on the line of railway near to the village of San Juan, and has ordered the insane to be removed to this very unhealthy locality, where they are at present to be confined, and where they are at present to be confined.

Let us see how the plan is fully carried out before we either bestow praise or blame. Once more, adieu!

HAVANA, JAN. 28, 1855. East of Francisco Estrampes—Effect of the Publication of his Letter in the New York Herald—Commercial Affairs—Arrival of the West India Mail Steamer Camry—Alterations in the Regulations Concerning Cuban Slave Prisoners—Apathy of the United States Government with Regard to the Case of Felix.

The publication of a list of Estrampes in your columns, issue of the 13th inst., has excited some inquiry, and it has been alleged that it will prejudice his case for the exercise of clemency with the superior authority. Your correspondent, whom I do not know, used the power he had with friends to procure the document from the prisoner; and as far as he is concerned there was no wrong done or intention thereof, and the letter was received by him in good faith, with the belief that Francisco Estrampes entertained that his treatment, as well as his political sentiments and his political purposes, which had been frustrated by the vigilance of the government, should be made known to the world. I apprehend that the friends of Estrampes are in error as to the idea that the publication will in any way be injurious to him; on the contrary, for the prisoner himself has made declaration of and reiterated every word he has written to the government, the Queen's Attorney and the "military commission"; further, the publication shows that the world holds and Cuba; and the verdict of the world, the intelligent world, will be rendered for against her rulers, as they may act with or in contempt of the enlightenment, progress and polity of the age. This fact, I think, will have due influence with the superior intelligence and judgment that will temper justice with mercy. That one of your correspondents, whom I know very well, had determined not to send the document, is no evidence against the others. He was influenced by the belief of the personal friends of Estrampes that it might be disadvantageous, and he yielded his opinions, not because he thought himself in error, but for the

MEETINGS OF THE ALDERMEN IN FAVOR OF A NEW ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

We append the new city charter as proposed by a majority of the Board of Aldermen. It is different from that recently offered in the Assembly by Mr. Stuyvesant. We give the draft in full. It will be immediately submitted to the Legislature.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. Section 1. The Corporation, or body corporate, now existing and known by the name of "the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York," shall remain and continue to be a body politic and corporate, in fact and in name, by the name of "the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York," and of that name shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued, to plead and to be pleaded, to answer and to be answered, to defend and to be defended, in all courts and places, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands, whatever, and of whatever nature and character, in as full and ample manner and form as any citizen or citizens shall be capable to take, purchase, hold, receive and enjoy, and to sell, demise, mortgage, assign, dispose of, and convey in fee, for life or years, or for years, or in any other manner, any property, real or personal, of what nature, kind or quality whatsoever; and may and shall have and use a common seal, and may alter and change the same at their pleasure; and all rights, immunities and franchises shall be preserved to them, and to their heirs and assigns forever.

Section 2. The legislative power of the Corporation of the City of New York shall be vested in a Board of Aldermen, to be composed of thirty members, to be elected by the people of the City of New York, and to be known by the name of "the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York." The Board of Aldermen shall consist of one Alderman from each ward, and shall hold office for two years.

Section 3. The Board of Aldermen shall have power to make all laws, by-laws and regulations for the municipal government of said city, and for the laying, assessing and collecting taxes for the payment of the expenses of the city government.

Section 4. The Mayor shall hold his office for two years, and the first election for Mayor under this act shall be held on the first day of January, 1856.

Section 5. The election for charter officers shall be held on the day of the general election, when all charters, to be elected by the people, shall be chosen, and the officers shall be elected by the people, and shall hold office for two years.

Section 6. The Board of Aldermen shall have power to direct a special election to be held to supply the place of any Alderman who may die, resign or be removed from the city, resignation or otherwise; and the Board of Aldermen shall also have power to direct a special election to be held to supply the place of any Alderman who may die, resign or be removed from the city, resignation or otherwise.

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Section 10. Any law, ordinance or resolution of the Common Council may originate in either board, and when it shall have passed one board, may be rejected or amended by the other board, and when it shall have passed both boards, it shall be a law of the City of New York.

Section 11. Neither the Mayor, or the Recorder of the City of New York, shall be a member of the Common Council.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of the Mayor on the first day of January, 1856, to deliver to the Board of Aldermen a report of the state of the City of New York, and of the affairs of the Corporation, and of the state of the City of New York, and of the affairs of the Corporation, and of the state of the City of New York, and of the affairs of the Corporation.

Section 13. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of Mayor, and whenever the Mayor shall be absent from the City of New York, or shall be unable to perform the duties of his office, the Board of Aldermen shall have power to elect a Mayor pro tem, who shall hold office until the Mayor shall be able to perform the duties of his office.

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GREAT SNOW STORM IN THE WEST.

The Business of Chicago Suspended—Railroads Blocked Up—Locomotive Boilers Filled with Snow—The Streets Covered with Drift—Speaker of the House Chopping Wood—Country Members Making Oyster Stews—A Night on the Prairie.

The various railroads were just cleared of the snow from the storm of Sunday, when that of Thursday night put them in an even less favorable position than they were in on Sunday. The first train that started from Rock Island to this city on Sunday was stopped yesterday morning near Morris. The train which left Chicago yesterday morning on the Rock Island, and which returned at noon, having gained only eight miles, and finding it impossible to proceed. In the afternoon four engines, with snow ploughs, went out in company to clear the track, and to force their way with shovels. How far they had reached last night we have not heard, but it is the intention of the superintendent to send out a passenger train this morning.

The Chicago and Mississippi train from Aurora arrived within five miles of the Wells street depot Thursday night, when the snow impeded its progress so that the train was forced to stop. The locomotive, however, got on all right, and in the morning the conductor procured sleds in the neighborhood and brought them to the city. An engine was sent out in the night to meet this train, and to bring it to the city. The engine, when it came from Rock Island to this city on Sunday was stopped yesterday morning near Morris. The train which left Chicago yesterday morning on the Rock Island, and which returned at noon, having gained only eight miles, and finding it impossible to proceed. In the afternoon four engines, with snow ploughs, went out in company to clear the track, and to force their way with shovels. How far they had reached last night we have not heard, but it is the intention of the superintendent to send out a passenger train this morning.

On the Michigan Southern road, the train due from Toledo yesterday morning arrived last evening, showing that the road was open, and that the train had been able to run all day.

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